



Starting Together: A guide to your child's Reception Year

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Introductions



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Meet our Reception Team



Mrs Marchant

Ladybirds Class Teacher

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Warn



Miss Chapman & Mrs Woodcock

Dragonflies Class Teachers

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Scales



Mrs Stockbridge & Mrs Donovan

Bumblebees Class Teachers

Teaching Assistants – Miss Packham & Mrs Tebbutt

HLTA – Mrs Alcock

Additional Year Group Teaching Assistant – Mrs Hooper

Responsibility



Collaboration



Perseverance



Fairview Community Primary School

Our School Values

Creativity



Kindness



Respect



Transition into Reception

- ▶ **Transition meetings:** These will take place between 15th and 23th June, you will have received your meeting time via email.
- ▶ **Groups for school visits:**

Group A	Group B
Children with birthdays in September, October, November, December, January and February	Children with birthdays in March, April, May, June, July and August

- ▶ **Familiarisation visits:**

Date	Group	Time	Parents Attending
Tuesday 30th June	Group A	1.45-3.00pm	No
Thursday 2nd July	Group B	1.45-3.00pm	No

Phased Start in September

- ▶ All children will have a phased entry into school in September to ensure that the transition into Fairview is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Date	Timings
Thursday 3rd – Friday 4th September	8.45-11:45
Monday 7th – Friday 11th September	8.45-1.15 (Staying for lunch)
Monday 14th September onwards	8.45-3.30 (Full time)

Reception Baseline Assessment

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. It became statutory for all schools from September 2021. If you would like any more information please visit: [2023 Information for parents: reception baseline assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97222/2023-Information-for-parents-reception-baseline-assessment.pdf)

All children complete the RBA within the first 6 weeks of starting Reception.

To ensure that all children are able to complete the RBA in a calm and quiet environment we will be inviting a small group of children each day to stay for the afternoon (until 3:30) of week 2 (week commencing Monday 7th September). This means that class teachers will be able to carry out the RBA with each child individually, whilst the class TA will spend quality time with the other children.

Your child's date and time is displayed on the table with their classes – please take another look if you missed this. As an example – all children will be staying until 1.15 on Monday 7th, and a small group of children will stay for the whole afternoon until 3:30.

The logo for IRIS ParentMail features the word "IRIS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the letters "I" and "R" are three vertical bars of increasing height, colored red, blue, and light blue from left to right.

ParentMail

ParentMail & Tapestry



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

- ▶ Our school office will send letters and messages via ParentMail. This is also used by parents/carers to report absences, order school lunches and pay for extra curricular activities.
- ▶ The ParentMail app is called IRIS, you will receive an email to activate ParentMail at the start of the school year.
- ▶ Tapestry is an online journal which captures your child's time in Reception through photographs, videos and written observations. You are also able to contribute to Tapestry to share activities and events from home.
- ▶ You should have already received an email with your activation link to Tapestry. This would have been sent to the email address that was used to apply for the school place via Medway Council.
- ▶ This information will only be accessed by your child's class teacher and yourselves. Any uploads to Tapestry by you are only visible to you and the staff, no other parents will have access to this.
- ▶ Please check Tapestry during the summer holidays for updates, to help with your child's transition.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE CHANGING

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



GREAT NEWS

FOR FAMILIES IN ENGLAND!

From **SEPTEMBER 2026**, all children whose household receives Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of household earnings.

This means that many more families will qualify for support.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



More children will receive a healthy, nutritious school meal every day.



Families could save around **£500** per child each year.



Over **500,000** additional children across England are expected to become eligible.



WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE?

From September 2026:

Your child may qualify if your household receives Universal Credit.

The current earnings threshold will be removed, allowing many more families to access Free School Meals.



WHY APPLY?

Even if your child already receives free meals through Universal Infant Free School Meals, registering for FSM may help schools receive additional funding to support pupils and learning opportunities.



It's good for your child and good for our school!

WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO DO?



Please apply directly using the Medway Council online application form:
www.medway.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please contact the school office if you need help with your application.



Together, we can help every child arrive in class ready to learn.

Free School Meals

Things to think about



BAGS -EACH CHILD BRINGS IN THEIR OWN BAG EVERY DAY. WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER THE SIZE OF THE BAG WHEN PURCHASING – TO FIT AN A4 PIECE OF PAPER/CHILDREN'S BOOK.



SCHOOL UNIFORM – NAME EVERYTHING! AND WE MEAN EVERYTHING! JUMPERS, COATS, SOCKS, SHOES, HATS, GLOVES... YOU WOULD BE AMAZED WHAT CAN GO MISSING!



PE KITS - YOUR CHILD WILL BE ALLOCATED A HOUSE (GOLIATH, VICTORY, OCELOT OR PHOENIX) AND THE CORRESPONDING COLOUR. CHILDREN WEAR THIS COLOUR IN PE.



IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED ANY TRANSITION DOCUMENTS FROM NURSERY WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE THEM, YOU COULD SEND US A COPY OR ASK YOUR CURRENT SETTING TO DO SO.



THINK ABOUT PURCHASING WELLIES AND RAIN TROUSERS – WE ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO GO OUTSIDE WHATEVER THE WEATHER AND USUALLY NEED THESE BY THE END OF TERM 1.

Our Uniform



Fairview Community Primary School



Fairview Community Primary School PE Kit Requirements



We do not require uniform to have our school logo, however if you would like to purchase uniform with our logo you can do so via [Brigade Clothing, LTD](#) or [Threads](#).



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1. No hoodies to be worn on school uniform days.



2. It is not necessary to have a school badge on your t-shirts, jumpers etc.



3. All long hair must be tied back with a navy/black/brown elastic.



4. All hair accessories must be discreet and school colours (blue, black, white).



5. No laces unless they can be tied independently.



6. Small stud earrings only, but must be removed for PE.



7. Children who wear watches to school must accept responsibility for them. We do not allow Smartwatches, and they must be taken off during PE lessons.



8. Cosmetics, including nail varnish and makeup, are strictly forbidden.



9. All belongings to be clearly named. Including coats, bags, lunch boxes.



FAQs

What will happen in the mornings?

- Children enter school through the classroom doors in the Reception outside area.
- Doors open at 8.45am and registration is at 9.00am (when doors will be closed).
- Quick goodbyes.

What happens at lunchtime?

- Each class has a play leader to support them at lunchtime.
- You choose if your child would prefer packed lunch or school dinners.
- Children go out to play after they have eaten lunch.

FAQs

How do I collect my child at the end of the day?

- Parents make a line outside.
- The office sets each child a password.
- Let staff know if anyone different is collecting.

How can I prepare my child for school in September?

- Get your child excited to start in their new class.
- Talk about making new friends.
- Practising using the toilet independently and washing their hands
- Putting on and fastening coats
- Have a go at eating lunch independently (e.g. using a knife and fork or unwrapping packets in their lunch box.)

FAQs

What if my child has any additional needs?

If you do have any concerns you would like to speak about then please speak to our Assistant Head for Inclusion Jade Marco. This might include concerns about:

- Speech and language
- Physical development
- Special educational needs
- Occupational therapy
- External agency involvement
- EHCPs

It is helpful to let us know in advance so that we can make sure we have all the documents and information we need to ensure we are prepared and your child has the best possible start to school in September.

Contact

- ▶ If you have any general questions or need to make any changes to paperwork, contact details etc., please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff this evening or contact the school office either by phone or email:
- ▶ Phone: **01634 338710**
- ▶ Email: office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk
- ▶ You can contact our Family Support Manager, Danielle Hind via email: hindd040@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk. Danielle is happy for parents to arrange a time to chat, she will be available in the FS shared area after this meeting.

Thank you!

- ▶ Thank you for listening, we hope this has answered lots of your questions.
- ▶ You will now have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and meet their class teachers and teaching assistants.

